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Greetings Bethany Lutheran Youth & Families!

Welcome to the month of September! I hope everyone had a smooth back to school experience this year. Special thanks to students who attended the Backpack Blessing we had on August 19th. We're praying for all of our students, including college students, as they move forward on the path that God has called them to. Prayers for all of our teachers who are teaching this year; may God would bless the work that you do with all of the students you will teach this year!

Our Confirmation Meeting was held on August 29th here at Bethany in the Dining room. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, please contact me ASAP. I have required paperwork for all students for this school year.

We shared the news about Urban Plunge: it's been moved to November 9-11! Please contact me if you're interested in going with us on this trip. We also shared where our Mission trip 2019 will take us: Lincoln County, West Virginia! Dates will be announced in the October Herald. We are looking for a few members to join us as an adult leader. If interested, please let me know. Thank you again for the support of our youth!

Now, onto the events coming up in September:

September 5th is our first night of Confirmation! Confirmation classes for grades 7-8 will begin each Wednesday at 7 PM in the parlor. Students should bring their Bibles to class. Topic of our first class together: an Introduction to Martin Luther.



Bethany Youth Group in September will take place on the 5th, 19th, & 26th. Our topic for BYG on the 5th is Martin Luther. What does it mean for us to be Lutherans? Bring your Bible for our Bible study! On the 19th, we'll have our first service project of the year. We'll be doing some wonderful things for our local neighbors. On the 26th, we'll have our first outing together for the year. I'll be sharing more details about that as we get closer. ☺ Just a reminder that BYG starts at 7:45pm on each of these nights. Snacks are provided and friends are ALWAYS welcome!

NOTE: No Youth Group or Confirmation on September 13th due to fair week activities.

Upcoming Milestones: Our third grade students will receive their Bibles on September 23rd at the 8:30 worship service. REMINDER to Third Grade families: please plan to meet on September 19th at 5:30 to write a special message in your student's Bible. I'll have all the items needed in the Parlor. If you're unable to be here on either date, please let me know.

Sunday School Rally is also September 23rd. This year we are excited to welcome back HUG Puppets for a wonderful puppet show! The show starts at 9:45 AM in the Dining room. ALL Bethany families are welcome to join us for this event.

Sunday School Registration will take place during Rally Day, so please stop by the registration table to register students!

Our Fall Youth Sunday is coming soon! Join us at 11 AM on September 23rd as students have an opportunity to help lead worship once again. You won't want to miss this worship service! ☺

Sunday school teachers are still needed! We are in need of Sunday school teachers for multiple grades, as we need 2 teachers in a class room for insurance purposes. Grades in need are 1st-8th. I hope adults will consider signing up to teach. If you have questions about this, please let me know.

11th Grade Milestone: We have a brand new milestone this year for our 11th grade students. On September 30th at the 8:30 AM service, we will celebrate another life milestone for these students: a driver's license. We'll have a blessing & gift to celebrate this milestone for students. For our 11th Grade families: please let me know if you will be UNABLE to attend this milestone. ☺

Youth Information Station: Keep an eye on the youth board in September. Flyers will continue to go up, as well as an updated acolyte schedule, so you won't want to miss it!

As the school year has finally arrived, so has the season of fall. Once again this year, I find myself taking a moment to pause and cherish the last few days of summer that God has given us. My prayers are for our families as we start the school year, especially those students who will be continuing on with their education. As always, if you have any questions about Youth activities, please feel free to contact me. ☺

May the peace of Christ be with you always!



In His Grip,
Katie